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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM:

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Director, Planning and Policy Office

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SUBJECT:

Update of 1978 Glossary of Intelligence Terms and Definitions [redacted]

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1. Request that you sign the attached memorandum to the National Foreign Intelligence Council transmitting the updated 1978 Glossary of Intelligence Terms and Definitions. [redacted]

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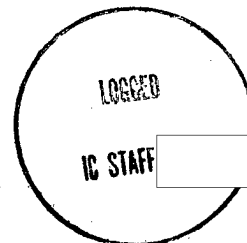
2. Also attached is the final draft of the Glossary that has been updated by our office and reviewed by the offices within the Intelligence Community Staff. We are asking for NFIC review, but not necessarily concurrence, in order to assure that the terms and definitions therein are correct and comprehensive. We have requested that comments be submitted to us by 6 January 1989 so we can publish the document at the beginning of next year.

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Attachments:

- A. Memorandum for Signature
- B. Updated 1978 Glossary of Intelligence Terms and Definitions



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Director
Intelligence Community Staff
Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Council Principals

SUBJECT: Revised Glossary of Intelligence Terms and Definitions

1. Attached for your review is the new draft of the Glossary of Intelligence Terms and Definitions. The Intelligence Community Staff has updated the version last published in 1978 in order to reflect the current lexicon of the Intelligence Community. The format of the new Glossary differs from the previous publication by acknowledging the fact that an intelligence term may have different meanings in various intelligence arenas and includes these varied meanings much the way a dictionary does. The Glossary also contains a list of commonly used acronyms (Appendix A) and a compendium of other glossaries specific to individual intelligence disciplines or departments (Appendix B).

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2. I would like any comments, suggestions, or changes you may have on the Glossary by 24 January 1989. Please review the draft with the following in mind:

- o accuracy of definitions for terms applicable to your area;
- o missing terms or definitions;
- o security classification of terms/definitions used and
- o additional glossaries or publications for inclusion in Appendix B.

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In addition, please note the caveat in the Glossary preface concerning the implications of representing a relatively comprehensive compilation of intelligence terms in a single document that is classified "For Official Use Only." Your views on the appropriateness of this classification would be welcomed. We plan to publish the Glossary in early 1989.

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SUBJECT: Revised Glossary of Intelligence Terms and Definitions [REDACTED]

3. Please direct inquiries regarding the Glossary to [REDACTED]
of my Staff, who can be reached at [REDACTED]
If we do not hear from you by 24 January 1989, we will assume that you do not
have any comments on the draft and the contents therein. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Edward J. Heinz
Lieutenant General, USAF

Attachment:
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FOREWORD

This publication updates the 1978 Glossary of Intelligence Terms and Definitions that sought to embody a baseline understanding of intelligence terms in a single document. The revision was developed by the Planning and Policy Office, Intelligence Community Staff, and reflects comments from the National Foreign Intelligence Council and the organizations that constitute the Intelligence Community.

The definitions in this revision of the Glossary have been devised by intelligence officers, not by philologists or semanticists. Thus, the terms and explanations contained herein are those that are commonly used and accepted by the Intelligence Community. Where some words may have several meanings within the intelligence context, a variety of definitions have been included. Where agencies or departments may have slightly different interpretations of a term, such definitions have been so indicated. Where useful, terms have been cross-referenced to convey contextual alternatives or to enhance its meaning by identifying its role within a larger concept (e.g., intelligence cycle). Section II, Acronyms, contains items commonly seen or heard in the intelligence arena.

The Glossary does not include organizationally peculiar terms and definitions, highly specialized or technical vocabulary, or words or details that would require the document to be classified at a higher level. Some definitions may not coincide precisely with those used elsewhere for departmental or legal purposes, especially where they support and clarify the language of a legal document. However, terms and acronyms that are not found in this Glossary may be found in other glossaries and publications listed in Section III.

The Glossary is designed to be a reference and guidance document for those who are new to the intelligence field, and to ease interdepartmental communications and understanding both within the Intelligence Community and with other governmental agencies. It is hoped that it will contribute to language commonality throughout the intelligence field. Users are encouraged to submit proposed corrections, additions, and suggestions to the Intelligence Community Staff, Planning and Policy Office, for incorporation in future updates of this Glossary. Since this document represents a relatively comprehensive compilation and treatment of the intelligence terms that are used in implementing US foreign intelligence and counterintelligence activities, and the organizations involved, it should be treated and protected accordingly.

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